Reality Check Activity

After high school, you will need to pay for clothing, housing, transportation and much more. You will need money and an occupation that will pay for all your needs. This activity will help you become realistic about how much money you will need to live the life you desire and which occupations will pay for all your needs.

***Instructions:***

1. Begin by clicking **Reality Check** from the CIS home page.
2. Next click the **Get a Reality Check** button.
3. Mark your selection on each screen then click the Next button. (Note that some items instruct you to mark one item, while others encourage you to select multiple items. Several items also allow you to enter your own dollar amounts.)
4. Once your Needed Annual Salary is calculated, select the education level you plan to achieve and an occupational cluster that interests you, or click “I don't know, include all occupation clusters.”
5. Now click **Next** to see a list of occupations fitting your selections.
6. Review the list of occupations in your area, your state, or the United States.
7. If you have several clusters of interest, you will need to explore these one at a time.
8. You may also want to find out more about these occupations. Click on any occupation to research it further.
9. Return to your Reality Check results by clicking “Return to” at the top of any page.
10. Save your results by clicking **Save**, then enter your thoughts about the results. For example, you might note the clusters in which you scored high and any clusters or occupations of interest.
11. Now, review your selections and learning, note your thoughts in the shaded box below, then write this same information in the associated text box in the **Getting Started** **Know Myself** section of **MY Career PLAN.**

What did you learn about yourself from this career assessment (Reality Check) you just completed? I am interested in a high pating job, and I didn’t even want luxury things.

Your Signature: Becca Grant Date: 11/15/11

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